### Implementation report format

The format below follows the structure of the *CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020* and aims to collect information to enable the Strategic Vision indicators to be implemented.

#### **CITES vision statement**

Conserve biodiversity and contribute to its sustainable use by ensuring that no species of wild fauna or flora becomes or remains subject to unsustainable exploitation through international trade, thereby contributing to the significant reduction of the rate of biodiversity loss and making a significant contribution towards achieving the relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

Article VIII, paragraph 7 (b), of the Convention requires each Party to submit to the CITES Secretariat a report on legislative, regulatory and administrative measures taken to enforce the provisions of the Convention.

The report format allows Parties to present information in a standard manner, so that it can be easily collated, with three main objectives:

- i) To enable monitoring of the implementation and effectiveness of the Convention;
- ii) To facilitate the identification of major achievements, significant developments, or trends, gaps or problems and possible solutions; and
- iii) Provide a basis for substantive and procedural decision-making by the Conference of the Parties and various subsidiary bodies.

Information on the nature and extent of CITES trade should be incorporated into the annual report [Article VIII paragraph 7 (a)], whereas the report provided under Article VIII paragraph 7 (b) should focus on measures taken to implement the Convention.

The report should cover the period indicated in <u>Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP16)</u> which urges that the report should be submitted to the Secretariat one year before each meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP). The reason for setting the report to be due a year in advance of the following CoP is to allow information to be collated so it can be considered by the Standing Committee in advance of CoP, and enable publication of the Strategic Vision indicators in advance of CoP.

Reports should be prepared in one of the three working languages of the Convention (English, French, Spanish).

Parties are *strongly* encouraged to prepare and submit their reports in electronic form. This will facilitate timely integration of information from Parties into publication of the Strategic Vision Indicators. If reports are only provided in hard copy, resources will be needed at the Secretariat to make an electronic copy, and this is not good use of Secretariat resources.

The completed report should be sent to:

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If a Party requires further guidance on completing their report, please contact the CITES Secretariat at the address above.

Party	
Period covered in this report	1 January 2018 - 31 December 2020
Department or agency preparing this report	Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, Hong Kong SAR of China
Contributing departments, agencies and organizations	

# GOAL 1 ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH AND IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE CONVENTION

Objective 1.1 Parties comply with their obligations under the Convention through appropriate policies, legislation and procedures.

All Aichi Targets relevant to CITES, particularly Aichi Target 2, Target 6, Target 9, Target 12, Target 17 and Target 18.

Indicator 1.1.1: The number of Parties that are in category 1 under the national legislation project.

1.1.1a	Have any CITES relevant policies or legislation been developed during the period covered in this report?  Yes No If 'Yes', have you shared information with the Secretariat? Yes No Not Applicable If 'No', please provide details to the Secretariat with this report:
1.1.1b	Does your legislation or legislative process allow easy amendment of your national law(s) to reflect changes in the CITES Appendices (e.g. to meet the 90 day implementation guidelines)?  Yes No If 'No', please provide details of the constraints faced:  To reflect changes in CITES Appendices, we need to amend the existing ordinance through a legislative exercise which would take more than 90 days.

Objective 1.2 Parties have in place administrative procedures that are transparent, practical, coherent and user-friendly, and reduce unnecessary administrative burdens.

Aichi Target 3.

Indicator 1.2.1: The number of Parties that have adopted standard transparent procedures for the timely issuance of permits in accordance with Article VI of the Convention.

		Yes	No	No information
1.2.1a	Do you have standard operating procedures for application for and issuance of permits?	$\boxtimes$		
	Are the procedures publicly available?	$\boxtimes$		
1.2.1b	Do you have:			
	Electronic data management and a paper-based permit issuance system?	$\boxtimes$		
	Electronic permit information exchange between Management Authorities of some countries If 'Yes', please list countries		$\boxtimes$	
	Electronic permit information exchange to Management Authorities of all countries?		$\boxtimes$	
	Electronic permit data exchange between Management Authorities and customs?		$\boxtimes$	
	Electronic permit used to cross border with electronic validation by customs?		$\boxtimes$	

	If 'Yes' to any of the above, please provide information on challen	ges faced	or issues	overcome:				
	If 'No', do you have any plans to move towards e-permitting¹?							
	If you are planning to move towards e-permitting, please explain	what migh	it help you	ı to do so:				
ndicator	1.2.2: The number of Parties making use of the simplified pro	ocedures p	provided f	or in <u>Resolutior</u>				
1.2.2a	Has your country developed simplified procedures for any of the	•	Гісk all ap	nlicable				
		Yes	No	No information				
	Where biological samples of the type and size specified in Annex 4 of Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP16) are urgently required.		$\boxtimes$					
	For the issuance of pre-Convention certificates or equivalent documents in accordance with <u>Article VII</u> , paragraph 2.		$\boxtimes$					
	For the issuance of certificates of captive breeding or artificial propagation in accordance with Article VII, paragraph 5.		$\boxtimes$					
	For the issuance of export permits or re-export certificates in accordance with Article IV for specimens referred to in Article VII, paragraph 4.		$\boxtimes$					
	Are there other cases judged by a Management Authority to merit the use of simplified procedures?  If 'Yes', please provide details:		$\boxtimes$					
<b>Objective</b> ndicator	the Conference of the Parties. All Aichi targets relevant to CITES, particularly Target 9, To	arget 14 a	nd Target g under	18. Resolutions and				
1.3.1a	Has your country responded to all relevant special reporting requirements that are active during the period covered in this report, including those in the Resolutions and Decisions of the Conference of the Parties, Standing Committee recommendations, and Notifications issued by the Secretariat (see [link to location on the CITES website where the reporting requirements are listed])?							
	Responses provided to ALL Responses provided to SOME of the Responses provided to NONE of the No special rep	relevant re relevant re	eporting re	equirements 🖂				
1.3.1b	Were any difficulties encountered during the period covered in the implementing specific Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the of the Parties?		e	Yes ☐ No ⊠				
	If 'Yes', please provide details of which Resolution(s) or Decision(s), and, for each, what difficulties were / are being encountered?							

e-permitting refers to the electronic (paperless) management of the permit business process, including permit application, Management Authority – Scientific Authority consultations, permit issuance, notification to customs and reporting.

Objective 1.4 The Appendices correctly reflect the conservation needs of species.

Aichi Target 1, Target 14 and Target 19.

1.4.1:	The number and proportion of species that have been found to meet the criteria contained in Resolution
	Conf. 9.24 or its successors. This includes both the periodic review and amendment proposals.

1.4.1a	Have you undertaken any reviews of whether species would benefit from listing on the CITES Appendices?	Yes ⊠ No □
	If 'Yes', please provide a summary here, or a link to the report of the work (or a copy of that report to the Secretariat if the work is not available online):	
	We have provided comments upon request e.g. the CoP18 Meeting working doct humphead wrasse and sharks.	uments of

## Objective 1.5 Best available scientific information is the basis for non-detriment findings. Aichi Target 2, Target 4, Target 5, Target 6, Target 7, Target 9, Target 12 and Target 14.

- Indicator 1.5.1: The number of surveys, studies or other analyses undertaken by exporting countries based on the sources of information cited in Resolution Conf. 16.7 on Non-detriment findings related to:
  - a) the population status of Appendix-II species;
  - b) the trends and impact of trade upon Appendix-II species; and
  - c) the status of and trend in naturally-occurring Appendix I species and the impact of any recovery plans.

1.5.1a	Have any surveys, studies or other analyses been undertaken in your country in relation to:	Yes	No	Not Applicable	If Yes, How many?
	- the population status of Appendix II species?				
	- the trends and impact of trade on Appendix II species?				
	- the status of and trend in naturally-occurring Appendix I species?				
	- the impact of any recovery plans on Appendix I species?				
	Have the surveys, studies or analyses integrated relevant knowledge and expertise of local and indigenous communities?				

	If there are such studies that you are willing to share, please provide:						
		A brief summary of the results of the survey, study or other analysis (e.g. population status, decline / stable / increase, off-take levels etc), or provide					
	Species name (scientific)		hed reference ma				
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1.5.1b	How are the results of such surveys, studies findings (NDFs)? Please tick all that app						
			Revised harves	st or export Banning	·		
			Stricter de	omestic me	•		
		C	hanged managem	ent of the s	species 🔲		
			ะussion with Manag				
			Discussion with of		olders?		
	O	ther (please pro	ovide a short sumn	nary):			
1.5.1c	Do you have specific conservation measure		Yes				
	plans for naturally occurring Appendix-I liste	u species :	No				
			Not Applicable No information				
	If 'Yes', please provide a brief summary, incl	uding if possib		of their			
	impact:		, arr ovaluation o				
1.5.1d	Have you published any non-detriment findi If 'Yes', please provide links or examples to	•		No 🗌			
1.5.1e	Which of the following (A to F of paragraph a do you use in making non-detriment findings	, ,	ion Conf. 16.7)	Yes	No		
	A. relevant scientific literature concerning sp distribution and population trends.	oecies biology, l	ife history,				
	B. details of any ecological risk assessment	s conducted.					
	C. scientific surveys conducted at harvest lo from harvest and other impacts.	ocations and at	sites protected				
	D. relevant knowledge and expertise of loca	ıl and indigenoເ	ıs communities.				
	E. consultations with relevant local, regional	and internation	nal experts.				
	F. national and international trade information the CITES trade database maintained by UI Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), publication trade and investigations of sales at mark example.	NEP World Conions on trade, lo	nservation ocal knowledge				

The number of Parties that have adopted standard procedures for making non-detriment findings. Indicator 1.5.2:

	illialings.				
1.5.2a					No
			Yes	No	information
	Do you have standard procedures for making non-detring findings in line with Resolution Conf. 16.7?	ment			
	If 'Yes', please briefly describe your procedures for mak or attach as an annex to this report, or provide a link to on the internet:				found
1.5.2b	When establishing non-detriment findings, have any of	the following			
	guidance been used?		Pleas	se tick	all that apply
	,	Virtual College		- 1	
	II	JCN Checklist		J	
	Resolut	tion Conf. 16.7		,	
	2008 N	NDF workshop		1	
	Species spe	ecific guidance			
		Other			
	If 'Other' or 'Species specific guidance', please specify of	details:			
1.5.2c	How often do you review and/or change your non-	Case by	case		
	detriment findings?	Annually	/		
		Every tw	-		
		Less fre			
		A mix of			
	Please describe the circumstances under which non-de	etriment findings	would	be cha	anged:
ndicator 1.	5.3: The number and proportion of annual export quota	as based on pop	oulation	ı surve	ys.
1.5.3a	Do you set annual export quotas?	Yes			
		No			

1.5.3a	Do you set annual export quotas?	Yes No		
	If 'Yes', do you set quotas based on population survey, or by other means? Please specify, for each species, how quotas are set:	Population	Other, please	
	Species Name (scientific)	Survey?	specify	
1.5.3b	Have annual export quotas been set at levels which will ensure sustainable production and consumption?	Yes No		
	If 'Yes', please describe how this fits into your non-detriment	finding process:		

ically provide for co-								
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Is your country a signatory to any bilateral and/or multilateral agreements for co-management of shared species?Yes \( \subseteq \text{No } \subseteq \)  If 'Yes', please provide brief details, including the names of the agreements, and which other countries are involved:								
ns, in place for shared								
Yes 🗌 No 🗌								
e a link or reference								
g range States together sted, species.								
ving capacity-building								
hat were the external								
sources <sup>1</sup> ?								
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please provide the names of Parties, and any non-Parties, involved.

1.6.3b	Have the CITES authorities been the <i>providers</i> of any of the following capacity-building activities to other range States?							
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity.  Target group	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)		
		<u>д</u>		ii e	Ė	Ó	De	etails
	Staff of Management Authority							
	Staff of Scientific Authority							
	Staff of enforcement authorities							
	Traders							
	NGOs							
	Public							
	Other Parties/International meetings							
	Other (please specify)				Ш			
1.6.3c	In what ways do you collaborate with	other C	ITES P	arties?				
		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Very Often	Always		er detail / amples
	Information exchange							
	Monitoring / survey							
	Habitat management							
	Species management							
	Law enforcement							
	Capacity building							
	Other (please provide details)							
Objective 1.7 Parties are enforcing the Convention to reduce illegal wildlife trade.  Aichi Target 4, Target 5, Target 6, Target 7, Target 9, Target 10, Target 12 and Target 19.  Indicator 1.7.1: The number of Parties that have, are covered by, or engaged with:  — an international enforcement strategy and/or action plan;  — formal international cooperation, such as an international enforcement network;  — a national enforcement strategy and/or action plan; and  — formal national interagency cooperation, such as a national interagency enforcement committee.								
1.7.1a	Do you have, are you engaged in, or co	overed b	y:			Yes	No	No Information
	– an international enforcement strategy	and/or a	action pl	an?			$\boxtimes$	
	– formal international cooperation, such enforcement network?	as an ir	nternatio	nal			$\square$	
	<ul> <li>a national enforcement strategy and/o</li> </ul>	r action	plan?			$\boxtimes$		
	<ul> <li>formal national interagency cooperation interagency enforcement committee?</li> </ul>	n, such	as a na	tional		$\boxtimes$		
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, please specify the level of engagement and provide additional details:  A Wildlife Crime Task Force has been set up that comprised representatives of all wildlife							

enforcement agents, namely CITES MA, HK Customs and HK Police Force. The Task Force develops strategies and plans for large scale joint enforcement operations.

Indicator 1.7.2: The number of Parties with a process or mechanism for reviewing their enforcement strategies, and the activities taken to implement their strategies.

1.7.2a	Do you have a process or mechanism for reviewing your enforcement strategy(ies) and the activities taken to implement your strategy(ies)?	Yes No, but review is under consideration No No information	
	If 'Yes', what do you do?		
	Enforcement strategies will be reviewed from time to time and/or a	after joint operations.	
	If 'Yes' or 'No, but review is under consideration', which tools do yo	ou find of value?	
1.7.2b	Have you used the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC) Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit, or equivalent tools?	Yes	r
	If 'Yes', please provide feedback on the parts of the toolkit used ar equivalent tools have been. Please specify improvements that could be specified to the specific terms of the specific terms.	ıld be made:	t
	tools useful to you:		

Indicator 1.7.3: The number of Parties that have criminal (penal) law and procedures, capacity to use forensic technology, and capacity to use specialized investigation techniques, for investigating, prosecuting, and penalizing CITES offences..

1.7.3a	Do you have law and procedures in place for investigating, prosecuting, and penalizing CITES offences as a crime?	Yes 🖂 No 🖂
	If 'Yes', please provide the title of the legislation and a summary of the penalties available	No information
	The Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance is the local legislation that gives effect to CITES implementation in Hong Kong. A maximum fine of \$5,000,000 and two years of imprisonment can be imposed for summary offences concerning Appendix I species; and a fine of \$500,000 and one year of imprisonment for summary offences concerning Appendices II and III species. A maximum fine of \$10,000,000 and imprisonment for ten years can be imposed for indictable offences concerning Appendix I species; and a fine of \$1,000,000 and imprisonment for seven years can be imposed for indictable offences concerning Appendices II and III species.	
1.7.3b	Are criminal offences such as poaching and wildlife trafficking recognized as serious crime <sup>1</sup> in your country?	Yes
		No information
	If 'Yes', please explain what criteria must be met for poaching or w treated as serious crimes:	ildlife trafficking offences to be

The United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime defines serious crime as conduct constituting an offence punishable by imprisonment for at least four years or a more serious penalty.

1.7.3c	Do you have capacity to use forensic technology¹ to s investigation of CITES offences?	Yes No No information					
	If 'Yes', please provide a brief summary of any samples from CITES-listed species that were collected and submitted to an appropriate forensic analysis facility (located in your country and/or another country) during the period covered in this report:  Real-time PCR has been applied to assist identification of scheduled shark fins and European eels. For suspected CITES listed specimens that required DNA analysis on species identification, samples will be collected and sent to Government Laboratory or local competant laboratories. There were also a couple of cases that ivory samples were sent to overseas laboratories for radiocarbon dating to analyse when the ivory samples were obtained.  If 'Yes', and your country has an appropriate forensic analysis facility for CITES-listed species,						
	please indicate which species it applies to: CITES lsited shark species, European eel, Bear (bile)	-		•			
1.7.3d							
	If 'Yes', please provide a brief summary, including any lessons learned which might be helpful for other Parties:						
	Threre were 3 major joint operations between Hong Kong Customs and Agriculture, Fisheires and Conservation Department targeted on enforcement of shark fin shipments by sea during the reporting period. 5 seizures and 1.2 tonnes of shark fins were seized.						
1.7.3e	Do you have a standard operating procedure among agencies for submitting information related to CITES INTERPOL and/or the World Customs Organization?			Yes No No information			
1.7.3f	Do you have legislative provisions for any of the following that can be applied to the investigation, prosecution and/or sentencing of CITES offences as appropriate?	Yes	No	No information	If yes, how many times was this used during the period covered by this report?		
	General crime <sup>3</sup>		$\boxtimes$				
	Predicate offences <sup>4</sup>		$\boxtimes$				
	Asset forfeiture <sup>5</sup>		$\boxtimes$				
	Corruption <sup>6</sup>		$\boxtimes$				
	International cooperation in criminal matters <sup>7</sup>		$\boxtimes$				
	Organized crime <sup>8</sup>		$\boxtimes$				

Capacity to use forensic technology means the ability to collect, handle and submit samples from crime scenes involving CITES-listed species to an appropriate forensic analysis facility, located either in your country or in another country(ies).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A multi-disciplinary law enforcement operation is one that involves officers from all relevant enforcement disciplines as appropriate, for example officers from Police, Customs and the wildlife regulatory authority. It could be either sub-national, national or international in scope.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> General crime laws relate to offences such as fraud, conspiracy, possession of weapons, and other matters as set out in the national criminal code.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Article 2, paragraph (h) of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime defines a predicate offence is an offence whose proceeds may become the subject of any of the money-laundering offences established under the Convention.

Asset forfeiture is the seizure and confiscation of assets obtained from criminal activities to ensure that criminals do not benefit from the proceeds of their crimes.

Provisions against corruption include national laws to implement the United Nations Convention against Corruption covering offences such as bribery of officials, embezzlement or misappropriation of public funds, trading in influence and abuse of functions by public officials.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> International cooperation in criminal matters includes legislation through which a formal request for mutual legal assistance and/or extradition of a person for criminal prosecution can be forwarded to another country.

Article 2, paragraph (a) of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime defines an organized criminal group as a structured group of three or more persons, existing for a period of time and acting in concert with the aim of committing one or more

	Specialized investigation techniques <sup>1</sup>				
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, please explain how each is used for brief summary, including any lessons learned which might be he				
1.7.3g	Do you have institutional capacity to implement the legislative	Yes			
	provisions listed in question 1.7.3f against CITES offences?	No $\square$			
		No information			
	If 'No', please provide a brief summary of your major capacity-building needs:				

Indicator 1.7.4: The number of Parties using risk assessment and intelligence to combat illegal trade in CITES-listed species.

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1.7.4a	Do you use risk assessment to target CITES enforcement effort?	Always	$\boxtimes$
		Very often	
		Sometimes	
		Rarely	
		Never	
		No information	
1.7.4b	Do you have capacity to analyse information gathered on illegal	Yes	$\boxtimes$
	trade in CITES-listed species?	No	
		No information	
1.7.4c	Do you use criminal intelligence <sup>2</sup> to inform investigations into	Always	
	illegal trade in CITES-listed species?	Very often	
		Sometimes	$\square$
		Rarely	
		Never	
		No information	
1.74d	Have you implemented any supply-side activities to address illegal	Yes	$\boxtimes$
	trade in CITES-listed species during the period covered in this report?	No, but activities are under development	
		No	
		No information	
1.7.4e	Have you implemented any demand-side activities to address	Yes	$\boxtimes$
	illegal trade in CITES-listed species during the period covered in this report?	No, but activities are under development	
		No	
		No information	

serious crimes or offences established in accordance with the Convention, in order to obtain, directly or indirectly, a financial or other material benefit.

Specialized investigation techniques are techniques that are deployed against serious and/or organized crime when conventional law enforcement techniques fail to adequately address the activities of crime groups. Examples include controlled deliveries and covert operations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Criminal intelligence is information that is compiled, analyzed and disseminated in an effort to anticipate, prevent and/or monitor criminal activity. Examples include information on potential suspects held in a secure database and inferences about the methods, capabilities and intentions of specific criminal networks or individuals that are used to support effective law enforcement action.

Indicator 1.7.5: The number of administrative measures, criminal prosecutions and other court actions for CITES-related offences.

During the	During the period covered in this report:		No	No Information		
1.7.5a	Have any administrative measures (e.g. fines, bans, suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related offences?		$\boxtimes$			
	If 'Yes', please indicate how many and for what types of offend details:	es. If avai	lable, pleas	e attach		
1.7.5b	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of CITES-related offences?	$\boxtimes$				
	If 'Yes', how many and for what types of offences? If available, please attach details: Prosecutions of CITES related offences were dominated by smuggling of CITES species. There were 178, 199 and 45 convictions in 2018, 2019 and 2020 respectively. The more commonly encountered CITES specimens included pangolin scales, timber, live turtles, reptile leather.					
1.7.5c	Have there been any other court actions against CITES-related offences?	$\boxtimes$				
	If 'Yes', what were the offences involved and what were the result	ts? Please	attach detai	ls:		
1.7.5d	How were any confiscated specimens disposed of?		Tick	all that apply		
	<ul> <li>Return to country of export</li> </ul>			$\boxtimes$		
	<ul> <li>Public zoos or botanical gardens</li> </ul>			$\boxtimes$		
	Designated rescue centres			$\boxtimes$		
	Approved private facilities			$\boxtimes$		
	– Euthanasia			$\boxtimes$		
	<ul> <li>Other (please specify): Destruction</li> </ul>			$\boxtimes$		
	Have you encountered any challenges in disposing of confiscated specimens? Disposal of large stockpiled timber where return to the country of export, auction etc were not feasible. Donation for CITES approved purposes only remove small amount of wood. Limited space and resources in taking care of large number of live animals.					
	Do you have good practice that you would like to share with ot	her Partie	s?			

**Objective 1.8** Parties and the Secretariat have adequate capacity-building programmes in place. Aichi Target 1, Target 12 and Target 19.

Indicator 1.8.1: The number of Parties with national and regional training programmes and information resources in place to implement CITES including the making of non-detriment findings, issuance of permits and enforcement.

1.8.1a	Do you have information resources or training in place to support: Yes The making of non-detriment findings?   Permit officers?   Enforcement officers?	No	
1.8.1b	Is the CITES Virtual College used as part of your capacity building work?  What improvements could be made in using the Virtual College for capacity building?	Yes No No information	
1.8.1c	Is the ICCWC Wildlife and Forest Crime Toolkit used in the development of capacity-building programmes, or does it form part of the curriculum of such programmes?  What improvements could be made in using the ICCWC Toolkit for capacity building?	Yes No No information	

# GOAL 2 SECURE THE NECESSARY FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND MEANS FOR THE OPERATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

**Objective 2.1** Financial resources are sufficient to ensure operation of the Convention.

Information to be provided through records held by the Secretariat on financial management of the Convention.

Objective 2.2 Sufficient resources are secured at the national and international levels to ensure compliance with and implementation and enforcement of the Convention.

Aichi Target 1, Target 2, Target 3, Target 12, Target 19 and Target 20.

Indicator 2.2.1: The number of Parties with dedicated staff and funding for Management Authorities, Scientific Authorities and wildlife trade enforcement agencies.

2.2.1a	Do you have an approved service standard(s) <sup>1</sup> for your Management Authority(ies)?		Yes No	$\square$
	If 'No', please go to Question 2.2.1d.		110	_
	If 'Yes', for which services are there standards, and what are those standards?	To issue CITES licence/ certificate within two working days upon receipt of completed application.		
	If 'Yes', do you have performance targets for these standards <sup>2</sup> ?		Yes No	$\boxtimes$
	If 'Yes', what are your performance targets?	100%	NO	
	Do you publish your performance against service standard targets?		Yes No	$\square$
	If possible, please provide your performance against service standards during the period covered in this report:			
	If you did not meet your performance targets then was this shortfall a result of:	Yes		No
	– availability of funding?			$\boxtimes$
	number of staff?			$\boxtimes$
	- a shortage of skills?			$\boxtimes$
	If 'Yes' to a shortage of skills, which skills do you need more of?			
2.2.1b	Do you have an approved service standard(s) <sup>47</sup> for your Scientific Authority(ies)?		Yes No	
	If 'No', please go to Question 2.2.1d.  If 'Yes', for which services are there standards, and what are those standards?			
	If 'Yes', do you have performance targets for these standards <sup>48</sup> ?		Yes	П
	If 'Yes', what are your performance targets?		No	
	If possible, please provide your performance against service standards during the period covered in this report:			
	If you did not meet your performance targets then was this shortfall a result of:	Yes		No

For example, a time frame in which you are required to provide a response on a decision to issue or not issue a permit, certificate, or re-export certificate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For example, 85% of all decisions will take place within the service standard.

	<ul><li>number of</li><li>a shortage</li></ul>	e of skills?				
	If 'Yes' to a sh	ortage of skills, which skill	s do you need more of?			
2.2.1c	enforcement a If 'No', please	an approved service stand authority(ies)? go to Question 2.2.1d. iich services are there star	lard(s) <sup>47</sup> for your ndards, and what are those		Yes No	
	-	u have performance target are your performance targe			Yes No	
	standards dur	ease provide your performating the period covered in t				
	If you did not a result of:	meet your performance tai	rgets then was this shortfall	Yes		No
	<ul><li>availability</li></ul>	of funding?				
	<ul><li>number of</li></ul>	staff?				
	<ul><li>a shortage</li></ul>	of skills?				
	If 'Yes' to a sh	ortage of skills, which skill	s do you need more of?			
2.2.1d			ur answered 'No' to the first pace of approved service standa			
	Do you have s	sufficient of the following for	or your authorities to function	effectively?		:
		Management Authority(ies)	Scientific Authority(ies)	Enforc Author		
	Funding?	Yes 🗌 No 🗌	Yes 🗌 No 🗌	Yes 🛚	No 🗌	
	Staff?	Yes 🗌 No 🗌	Yes 🗌 No 🗌	Yes 🛚	No 🗌	
	Skills?	Yes 🗌 No 🗌	Yes 🗌 No 🗌	Yes 🛚	No 🗌	

Indicator 2.2.2: The number of Parties that have undertaken one or more of the following activities:

- changed the budget for activities;

- hired more staff;
- developed implementation tools;
- purchased technical equipment for implementation, monitoring or enforcement.

2.2.2a	Have any of the following activities been undertaken during the period covered in this report to enhance the effectiveness of CITES	
	implementation at the national level?	Tick if applicable
	Hiring of more staff	$\boxtimes$
	Development of implementation tools	$\boxtimes$
	Purchase of technical equipment for implementation, monitoring or enforcement	$\boxtimes$
	Other (please specify):	

2.2.2b	During the period covered in this report, was the budget for your:		Increased	Stable	Decreased
	Management Authority(ies)			$\square$	П
	Scientific Authority(ies)				
	Enforcement authorities			$\boxtimes$	
2.2.2c		Have you been able to use international development funding assistance to increase the evel of implementation of your		No	Not applicable
	Management Authority(ies)?				$\boxtimes$
	Scientific Authority(ies)?				
	Enforcement authorities?				$\boxtimes$
2.2.2d	What is the respective level of priority the national level through the following		ng the effectiv	veness of CITES	implementation at
	Activity	High	Medium	Low	Not a Priority
	Hiring of more staff		$\boxtimes$		
	Development of implementation tools			$\boxtimes$	
	Purchase of new technical equipment for implementation, monitoring or enforcement			$\boxtimes$	
	e-permitting		$\boxtimes$		
	Other (please specify):				
2.2.2e	Do you have a operational system (e.g. electronic database) for managing		Yes	Under development	No
	Species information		$\boxtimes$		
	Trade information		$\boxtimes$		
	Non-detriment findings				

Indicator 2.2.3: The number of Parties raising funds for CITES implementation through user fees or other mechanisms.

2.2.3a	Does the Management Authority charge fees for:	Tick all that are appli	icable
	<ul> <li>Administrative procedures</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Issuance of CITES documents (e.g. for import, exports, re-export, or the sea)</li> </ul>	introduction from	
	<ul> <li>Shipment clearance (e.g. for the import, export, re-export, or introduction of CITES-listed species)</li> </ul>	ction from the sea	
	<ul> <li>Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES species</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Harvesting of CITES-listed species</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Use of CITES-listed species</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species</li> </ul>		
	<ul><li>Other (please specify):</li></ul>		
2.2.3b	Is a fee schedule publicly available?	Yes 🛛 N	o 🗌
	If 'Yes', please provide an internet link, or a copy of the schedule to the \$\text{https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/cap586?xpid=ID_1438403490807_0}		
2.2.3c	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or	wildlife conservation	?
		Entirely	
		Partly	
		Not at all	
		Not relevant	$\boxtimes$

2.2.3d		Yes	No
	Do you raise funds for CITES management through charging user fees?		$\boxtimes$
	Do your fees recover the full economic cost of issuing permits?		$\boxtimes$
	Do you have case studies on charging or using fees?	$\boxtimes$	
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, please provide brief details:  We conduct fee revision on the basis of cost recovery from time to time.		
	Do you use innovative financial mechanisms to raise funds for CITES implementation? If 'Yes', please provide brief details:		$\boxtimes$

Indicator 2.2.4: The number of Parties using incentive measures as part of their implementation of the Convention.

2.2.4a	Do you use incentive measures¹ such as those described in CoP14 Doc 14.32 to implement the Convention?  YesNo
	Due diligence
	Compensatory mechanisms 🔲 🖂
	Certification
	Communal property rights
	Auctioning of quotas
	Cost recovery or environmental charges  □  ⊠
	Enforcement incentives $\square$
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, or if you use other measures, please provide a summary or link to
	further information:
	We have adopted standard operating procedures to complete all the formalities required for
	trade in an efficient manner.
2.2.4b	Have incentives harmful to biodiversity been eliminated? Not at all
	Very little ☐
	Somewhat
	Completely

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Defined as 'Social and economic incentives that promote and regulate sustainable management of and responsible trade in, wild flora and flora and promote effective enforcement of the Convention'. The intent of such measures is not to promote wildlife trade as such, but rather to ensure that any wildlife trade undertaken is conducted in a sustainable manner.

**Objective 2.3** Sufficient resources are secured at the national and international levels to implement capacity-building programmes.

Aichi Target 12, Target 19 and Target 20.

Indicator 2.3.1: The number of capacity building activities mandated by Resolutions and Decisions that are fully funded.

2.3.1a	How many training and capacity building activities¹ have you run during the period covered in this report?  Without assistar from the Secretariat					Conducted or assisted by the Secretariat			
			N	lone					
				1 2-5					
				6-10		H			
			1	1-20		$\boxtimes$			
		ľ	More tha	an 20					
	Please list the Resolutions or Decisions	involve	d:						
2.3.1b	What sorts of capacity building activities We have conducted training on identif CITES implementation training etc. but Decision.	ication o	of shark	fins, ra					species;
	What capacity building needs do you ha	ve?							
	Please tick all boxes which apply to indicate which target group and which activity.  Target group	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)		De	etails
	Staff of Management Authority				$\boxtimes$		Spec	ies	identification
	Staff of Scientific Authority								
	Staff of enforcement authorities								
	Traders / other user groups								
	NGOs								
	Public								
	Other (please specify)								

An activity might be a single day training e.g. for a group of staff from the Management Authority, or a longer course / project undertaken by an individual.

### GOAL 3CONTRIBUTE TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCING THE RATE OF BIODIVERSITY LOSS AND TO ACHIEVING RELEVANT GLOBALLY-AGREED GOALS AND TARGETS BY ENSURING THAT CITES AND OTHER MULTILATERAL INSTRUMENTS AND PROCESSES ARE COHERENT AND MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE

Objective 3.1 Cooperation between CITES and international financial mechanisms and other related institutions is enhanced in order to support CITES-related conservation and sustainable development projects, without diminishing funding for currently prioritized activities.

Aichi Target 2 and Target 20.

Indicator 3.1.1: The number of Parties funded by international financial mechanisms and other related institutions to develop activities that include CITES-related conservation and sustainable development elements.

3.1.1a	Has funding from international financial mechanisms and other related institutions been used to develop activities that include CITES-related conservation and sustainable development elements?	Yes No Not applicable No information	
	If 'Yes', please provide brief details:		
3.1.1b	During the period covered in this report, has funding for your country from international funding mechanisms and other related institutions:	Increased Remained stable Decreased	

Indicator 3.1.2: The number of countries and institutions that have provided additional funding from CITES Authorities to another country or activity for conservation and sustainable development projects in order to further the objectives of the Convention.

3.1.2a	Have you provided technical or financial assistance to another country or countries in relation to CITES?						Yes □ No □ No information □		
	If 'Yes', please tick boxes to indicate type of assistance provided  Country(ies)	Species Management¹	Habitat Management²	Sustainable use	Law Enforcement	Livelihoods	Other (specify)	Details (provide more information in an Appendix if necessary)	

Use species conservation column for work directly related to species – e.g. population surveys, education programmes, conflict resolution, etc.

Use habitat conservation column for work that will indirectly support species conservation – e.g. habitat management, development of policy frameworks for how land is managed, etc.

Objective 3.2 Awareness of the role and purpose of CITES is increased globally. Aichi Target 1, Target 4, Target 12 and Target 18.

Indicator 3.2.1: The number of Parties that have been involved in CITES awareness raising activities to bring about better awareness by the wider public and relevant user groups of the Convention requirements.

3.2.1a	Have CITES authorities been involved in any of the following activities to bring about better awareness of the Convention's		Relevant User
	requirements by the wider public and relevant user groups?	Wider public	Groups
	- Press conferences	$\boxtimes$	
	- Press releases	$\boxtimes$	
	Newspaper articles, brochures, leaflets	$\boxtimes$	$\boxtimes$
	Television appearances	$\boxtimes$	
	Radio appearances	$\boxtimes$	
	- Presentations		$\boxtimes$
	Public consultations / meetings		$\boxtimes$
	Market surveys		
	- Displays	$\boxtimes$	
	Information at border crossing points	$\boxtimes$	
	Telephone hotline	$\boxtimes$	
	Website(s) – if so please provide link(s)	$\boxtimes$	
	http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/conservation/con_end/con_end.html		
	- Other (specify):		
	Please attach copies of any items or describe examples:		

Indicator 3.2.2: The number of visits to the CITES website.

3.2.2a	How regularly do your Authorities consult the CITES website?							
	Please tick boxes to indicate the most frequent usage (decide on an average amongst staff if necessary).  Target group	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less frequently	Not known		
	Staff of Management Authority							
	Staff of Scientific Authority							
	Staff of enforcement authorities		$\boxtimes$					
3.2.2b	What has been your experience with using the	CITES w	vebsite?	Exc	ellent			
				Goo	d	$\boxtimes$		
				Ave	rage			
				Poo	r			
				Very	/ Poor			
	No information							
	Any further comments on the CITES Website? which authorities find which functions/tools mos					ıntered,		

### Indicator 3.2.3: The number of Parties with web pages on CITES and its requirements.

A question relating to this indicator is within question 3.2.1a.

**Objective 3.3** Cooperation with relevant international environmental, trade and development organizations is enhanced.

Indicator 3.3.1 The number of Parties which report that they have achieved synergies in their implementation of CITES, other biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant multilateral environmental, trade and development agreements.

3.3.1a	Have measures been taken to achieve coordination and reduce duplication of activities between the national CITES authorities and national focal points for other multilateral environmental agreements (e.g. the other biodiversity-related conventions: CBD, CMS, ITPGR, Ramsar, WHC) <sup>1</sup> to which your country is party?	Yes No No information	
	If 'Yes', please give a brief description:		

Indicator 3.3.2: The number of biodiversity conservation or sustainable use projects, trade and development goals, or scientific and technical programmes that integrate CITES requirements.

3.3.2a	How many international projects which integrate CITES issues has your country contributed towards?					
3.3.2b	In addition to 3.2.2a, how many national level projects has your country implemented which integrate CITES issues?					
3.3.2c	Have there been any efforts at a national scale for your CITES Management or Scientific Authorities to collaborate with:	Yes	No			
	Agencies for development?					
	Agencies for trade?					
	Provincial, state or territorial authorities?					
	Local authorities or communities?					
	Indigenous or local peoples?					
	Trade or other private sector associations?					
	NGOs?					
	Other (please specify)					
3.3.2d	Are CITES requirements integrated into?	Yes	No			
	National and local development strategies?					
	National and local poverty reduction strategies?					
	Planning processes?					
	National accounting?					

CBD = Convention on Biological Diversity; CMS = Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, ITPGR = International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, Ramsar = The Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, WHC = World Heritage Convention.

	governmental organizations to participate in and/or fundant and capacity-building activities.	d CITES	workshops	s and othe	r training
3.3.3a	Has funding been provided or received to facilitate CITES workshops, training or other capacity building activities to / from:	Tick if a	oplicable	Whi	
	Inter-governmental organizations?				
	Non-governmental organizations?				
Objective  Indicator 3.	development goals set at WSSD, the Strategic Plant relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and the relevant Conference on Sustainable Development is strengthen in wild fauna and flora is conducted at sustainable level.  This objective may also be assessed by a variety of including action taken to implement many of the CITES Aichi Target 1, Target 2, Target 3, Target 4, Target 5, Target 17, Target 18 and Target 19.	n for Bid nt outco ed by en s. means resolution	diversity 2 mes of the suring that beyond the ons and de arget 7, Ta	e united internation internation e reporting cisions.	and the Nations nal trade g format, arget 14,
3.4.1a	Do you have data which shows that the conservation status of naturally occurring species in your country listed on the				
	CITES Appendices has stabilized or improved?	Yes	No	Not Ap	plicable
	Appendix I		$\boxtimes$		
	Appendix II		$\boxtimes$		
	Appendix III		$\boxtimes$		
	If there are such studies that you are willing to share, please p	rovide:			
	Species name (scientific) Link to the data, or a brief sum	mary			
3.4.1b	Do you have examples of specific examples of success storic emerging problems with any CITES listed species?	es or	Yes No No inform	ation	
	If 'Yes', please provide details:				
Indicator 3.	Plan (NBSAP).  Has CITES been incorporated into your country's National	ational Bi	Yes	Strategy a	nd Action
	Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)?	No No info	rmation		
3.4.2b	Have you been able to obtain funds from the Global Environn Facility (GEF) or other sources to support CITES aspects of Nimplementation?		Yes No		

Indicator 3.3.3: The number of Parties cooperating / collaborating with intergovernmental and non-

Objective 3.5	Parties and the Secretariat co- agreements dealing with natural collaborative approach to specie those which are commercially ex Aichi Target 2, Target 4, Target Target 19.	resources which xploited.	es, as a can be	ppropr endan	iate, in gered b	order by uns	r to achieve a coh sustainable trade	nerent and , including
Indicator 3.5.1	: The number of cooperative action to prevent species from being ur							reements
m b	nultilateral agreements other than CI	s your country taken action under established bilateral or Yes tilateral agreements other than CITES to prevent species from ng unsustainably exploited through international trade?  No information ses', please provide details:						
Indicator 3.5.2	: The number of times other relevenatural resources are consulted							
th ay by Mi Sc	everage number of times per year nat international organizations or greements have been consulted y CITES Authorities anagement Authority(ies) cientific Authority(ies)	Once	☐ ☐ 2-5 times	☐ ☐ 6-20 times	☐ ☐ More than 20 times		Optional common which organizations issues consu	tions and
Please provide	<b>Gen</b> e any additional comments you would	neral fee d like to		ncludir	ng com	ments	s on this format.	
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	ext of CITES-relevant legislation if ch https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/c	_		Not	losed availab /iously			$\boxtimes$
Fee sched	ny materials annexed to the report, e.ules: https://www.elegislation.gov.hkaising materials: http://www.afcd.gov.	k/hk/cap	586?xpi	d=ID_	143840	3490	807_001	
your country i	nstraints to implementation of the Co requiring attention or assistance? se describe the constraint and the typ					nforma	_	
	amples of good practice you would lik				Yes No	nforma		

Thank you for completing the report. Please remember to include relevant attachments referred to in the report when it is submitted to the Secretariat.

If 'Yes' please provide details / links:

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